

GENERAL ORDERS, }
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WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
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I..It is observed that many officers of the army pay postage on *official* communications addressed to the Adjutant General, and that others address their communications to the Assistants in the Adjutant General's Office. Both of these practices are wrong and must cease. The Adjutant General is authorized to frank and receive letters by post, free of postage. They should therefore be left unpaid, and addressed, in all cases, to "The Adjutant General of the Army."

II..The attention of officers, having part in the discharge of soldiers for disability, is called to paragraphs 167 and 168, Revised Regulation of the Army, to the instructions for the commander of the company contained in the form of the Certificate of Disability, (page 325 Revised Regulations,) and to Note 1 attached to that form, which is in the following words: "When a *probable* case for *pension*, special care must be taken to state the *degree* of disability."

The neglect of company commanders to state the cause, when known, and other facts connected with the disability; and of the Surgeon to state its degree, may deprive worthy men of the pensions to which they are entitled.

BY ORDER :

L. THOMAS,
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